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1. WE ARE PLEASED THAT GEORGE BENNSKY CAN HEAD U.S. DELEGATION AND STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT HE PLAN TO ATTEND FIRST DAY SESSION BEGINNING MONDAY, FEB. 25 AT 1000 HOURS.

2. THE FIRST DAY SESSION OF THIS EXCEPTIONAL CONFERENCE, WITH OPPORTUNITY FOR INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS AND WITH THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA, WILL DETERMINE THE DIRECTION AND SCOPE OF THE CONFERENCE. WE HAVE NOTED IN REFTEL B THAT EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MARAMIS' VIEWS FOR CONCERTING ACTION ARE CONSONANT WITH OUR OWN. WE BELIEVE BENNSKY'S ATTENDANCE ON THIS FIRST DAY WOULD INSURE THAT THE CONFERENCE STARTS OFF IN AN ACCEPTABLE DIRECTION.

3. ALTHOUGH IMPORTANT AGENDA ITEM 6 (COVERING SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM MEASURES TO LESSEN IMPACT PRICE INCREASES) IS NOT SCHEDULED UNTIL AFTERNOON FEB. 28, IT MAY WELL BE DISCUSSED EARLIER THAN PLANNED.

4. IN SHORT, WE RECOMMEND BENNSKY COVER AS MUCH OF FIRST PART OF CONFERENCE AND STAY UNTIL DISCUSSION AGENDA ITEM 6. THE DRAFTING SESSION COULD BE COVERED BY HIS ALTERNATE AND ADVISORS.

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